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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 stand rejected, and claims 7 and 8 have been allowed. In the present amendment, claims 5 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 9-11 have been added.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended in a telephone interview of March 2, 2005, in which Applicant's amendment of claim 1 was discussed. However, no agreement was reached as to allowability.

In the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004, the Examiner objected to claims 1, 5 and 6 for informalities. Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,660,342 to Salisbury. Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 7 and 8 were allowed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 1 on the grounds that the claim has inconsistent language due to the preamble being drawn to a subcombination connecting bracket, and the subsequent recitation of connecting the bracket with a support frame, complimentary connector and wall. Claim 1 has been amended to remove the recitation of the bracket being connected to a support frame, complimentary connector, connecting member, and a wall. As such, the objection to claim 1 has been overcome. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of the first and second arms being substantially straight. Such a structure is not disclosed by the Salisbury '342 patent. In particular, the anchor cited by the Examiner and shown in

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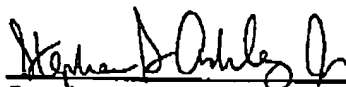
Figure 8 of the Salisbury '342 patent has arms that are bent at ninety degree angles.

Accordingly, the §102 rejection of claim has been overcome, and claim 1 is in a condition for allowance.

Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 5 and 6 in a continuation or divisional application. New claims 9-11 have been added that are dependent upon claim 1, and therefore, are also allowable. Furthermore, with regard to claim 10, the Salisbury '342 patent does not disclose a masonry anchor with parallel arms.

For the reasons stated above, the application is in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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